



Commission Chairman Bill Ives, left, discusses legislation with Senator Cecil Hill.

## Census: County's Government Cost Low

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NEW YORK, Feb. 8 — For residents of Transylvania County, does the cost of local government run higher or lower than it does for people in other communities?

How much is spent locally, per capita, for all municipal and county operations and for all special services? How large is the local debt compared with the average in other areas?

A voluminous new report, just released by the Census Bureau, sheds light on these matters. It is based upon a detailed study of local finances, gathered from every county in the United States.

The study, entitled Government Finances, is the first made since fiscal 1967. They are conducted every five years.

For people living in Transylvania County, the figures show, the total cost of local governmental operations came to \$217 per capita in the year.

In the rest of the nation the average was \$511 per capita and, in the State of North Carolina, \$362.

It took a total of \$106.5 billion to operate the various county, township, municipal and district governments in the country and provide the public with services in the fields of health, welfare, roads, sanitation, housing, police and fire protection, education and the like.

The \$106.5 billion outlay represented an increase of \$47 billion in a period of five years.

In some communities, the amount spent for local governmental operations was adequately covered by revenues. In many others, however, more was spent than was taken in.

The figures for Transylvania County show that the direct expenditures, \$217 per capita, were offset by general revenue receipts equivalent to \$210 per capita.

Some \$77 of this revenue came from local taxes and charges and the remainder from Federal and state sources.

In order to finance their expenditures for capital improvements and provide their residents with necessary services, many communities have been forced to go deeper into debt.

Transylvania County's outstanding debt is placed at \$90 per capita in the report. Nationally, the debt of local governments averaged \$580 per capita. Throughout the state it was \$233.

## Hopes For Educational TV

# Senator Hill's Days Long, Hard, He Says

Contrary to what much of the general public believes, serving in the N. C. General Assembly is a difficult, full-time job, Senator Cecil Hill said Saturday as he met with constituents at the Court House in Brevard.

"You start at breakfast with study and dictation, rush to committee meetings, go to the general session from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., then grab a bowl of soup in 15 minutes, and back to committee, then more dictation, then out to dinner appointments. It's a rough, rough day.

"And I once thought I'd never tire of a piece of beef, a baked potato, and a stem of broccoli. But I'm sick of all three. The dinners are always the same," the senator laughed.

He's been busy working for his 10-county district and the state, he said.

His first bill, among the early ones introduced in the Senate, would allow members of the Henderson-Transylvania Drug Squad, made up of two officers from each county, to make arrests, searches, and seizures in all parts of both counties.

The bill has passed the Senate, he said, and has gone to the House of Representatives for action.

And on Friday, Senator Hill said, he introduced a bill to completely divorce the legislative and administrative branches of the state government.

This bill would prohibit

members of the General Assembly from serving on non-legislative boards and commissions appointed by the Governor. The bill has gained wide-spread approval among his colleagues, he said.

Hill had pledged during his campaign that he would file such a bill and resigned his own seat on the Governor Morehead School for the Deaf board.

"Such service by legislators, gives the boards they represent an unfair advantage in the General Assembly, especially when budget time comes," Mr. Hill said.

His bill forbids that any member of the General Assembly may serve as an appointed member of any administrative board, council, or commission in the executive departments of the state government.

It would not limit service by members of the legislature on the Advisory Budget Commission, which by statute

## Reminder

Auto owners have only four more days in which to obtain their license tags for 1975.

And the earlier in the week, the tags are bought, the shorter the lines are going to be, says Mrs. Jean Plemmons, the local dealer.

All tags must be showing on moving autos at midnight, Saturday, Feb. 15, according to David Faircloth, assistant director of Registration, the Division of Motor Vehicles.

includes legislators.

Senator Hill said that he now has high hopes that the expansion of educational television into Brevard and Western North Carolina is not far off, providing costs can be held within funded limits.

"There are still technological problems obstructing the expansion," he said. "Television signals go in a straight line. They do not follow the curvature of the earth as radio signals do."

This makes it difficult to get educational television into all the coves and valleys of the mountains, he explained.

Sen. Hill revealed that since the opening of this session his office has been looking into the status of previously announced plans of the University of North Carolina's educational TV network to expand its coverage South and West from Asheville's Channel 33, the network's westernmost outlet.

Thus far his inquiry has produced these findings, Sen. Hill said:

1. It appears there may have been what Hill terms "some undue delay" during the past two years, after the educational TV network had put on the air, in February of 1973, the last of its eight stations, in Winston-Salem.

That event signaled the switch in network growth priority from satellite stations in heavier populated centers of North Carolina to the long-delayed plan for development

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# Grand Jury Asks Jail Renovation

## Pressley Gets Six To 10 Years

The Transylvania County Grand Jury, in session last week, recommended that the Transylvania County jail be renovated to meet state minimum standards to house men, women, and juveniles.

The jury also recommended more adequate space for the sheriff's department.

A bond issue for the construction of a new jail was defeated in the last general election.

J. Harold Pressley was given six to 10 years in prison in Superior Court Thursday afternoon by Judge John R. Friday in connection with the break-in at Ayers Store last summer in which \$15,000 worth of guns were stolen.

Mr. Pressley was sentenced on breaking and entering counts. In connection with the larceny, Judge Friday continued prayer for judgment on a term to term court basis, with any judge privileged to pass sentence at any time if he were so inclined.

Mr. Pressley's partner in the robbery, Jeremiah E. Owen, was sentenced earlier to four to seven years in prison, and given a probationary sentence of five to seven years to follow the active sentence. He was ordered to report to a probationary officer within 48 hours of getting out of prison.

Civil cases are being tried in Superior Court this week.

The grand jury also returned 24 true bills during its session, praised the sheriff's department and City of Brevard investigators for their detailed reports, asked for a raise for jurors, and fussed at the court house custodian for not doing a better job of keeping the halls clean.

Here is the complete report:

The Grand Jury of Transylvania County, 29th Judicial District, convened Feb. 3, 1975, at 10 a.m. in the Transylvania County Courthouse. The following action was taken on Bills of Indictment against:

1. Kent Hadlock - true bill
2. Michael Anderson - true bill
3. Julius Warren White - no true bill
4. Kenneth Dale Queen - true bill
5. Steve Shipman - true bill
6. Emerson Lee O'Shields - true bill
7. Terry G. Harvey - true bill
8. Freddie Marion Henderson - true bill
9. Dennis Howell - true bill
10. Larry Wiggins - 2 bills, true bill on each
11. James Mint Barton - true bill
12. Terry Fugate - true bill
13. Elvin Monroe Reynolds - 2 bills (duplicate) - true bill
14. James Harold Pressley - 2 bills, true bill on each
15. Jeremiah E. Owen - 2 bills, true bill on each
16. Orville Patrick Ryan - true bill
17. Julius McCall - true bill
18. Juanita McCall - true bill
19. Angeline McCall - true bill
20. Spurgeon McCall - true bill
21. Elizia Lee McCall - true bill
22. James Hinkle - true bill

A total of 26 bills came before the Grand Jury this term. The Jury returned 24

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Edwin C. Baker, president of American Defender Life Insurance Company (L.) presents Chuck Bradley of Brevard, a certificate of recognition at the

North Carolina Jaycees Awards Banquet held in Raleigh Saturday night as one of North Carolina's five outstanding young men.

## Charles Bradley Wins State Honor

Brevard's Charles L. (Chuck) Bradley on Saturday night was named one of five Outstanding Young Men in North Carolina at the annual awards weekend activities of the N. C. Jaycees in Raleigh.

Bradley is a realtor associated with the James E. Gaither Real Estate Company of Brevard.

He is married and lives with his wife Brigitte, on Rich Mountain in Brevard.

Bradley is president of the Brevard Jaycees. He was given the Distinguished Service Award as the Out-

## Man, Two Girls Found On High Mountain Trail

A man and his two small daughters were located by sheriff's deputies and rescue squad members early Sunday morning on the rugged Orange trail between Cove Creek and Shining Rock, according to Deputy Sheriff Donald Stroup.

The man, James Murphy of Arden, and his daughters, aged 7 and 4, were reported lost late Saturday afternoon by Mrs. Murphy who called local officers when the group failed to return home by the expected hour.

Three sheriff's cars began an immediate search, finding the Murphy car parked at Cove Creek above the fish rearing station.

It is roughly 15 miles from

## W. N. C. Librarians Here On Wednesday

Some 50 members of the Western N. C. Library Assn. will get their first look at Transylvania County's new library facilities on Wednesday, and will hear Noted Children's Author Jesse Jackson speak, Mrs. Elizabeth Kapp, librarian, has announced.

With Transylvania County Library as host, the meeting will begin with coffee and a tour at 10:30 a.m., then at 11 Mr. Jackson, who is practitioner in residence at Appalachian State University, will talk.

A Dutch luncheon at

standing Young Man of the year by the Brevard Jaycees at a meeting on Jan. 3, 1975.

His selection came as part of the annual Awards Weekend of the North Carolina Jaycees held at the Hilton Inn.

Bradley served as selection and building committee chairman for the construction of a facility by the Transylvania County Association For Disabled Citizens.

He was instrumental in the establishment of the First State Savings and Loan Association and is a member of the Board of Directors.

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that point to Shining Rock by trail.

At 11:30 p.m. the Rescue Squad was called into the search for the trio on the steep slopes of the mountains near the parkway.

The trio was found at 1:30 a.m., at Farlow Gap according to Deputy Stroup.

"Both of the little girls were mighty cold," he said. "We got them to our police cars and got them warmed. Then we returned them to their car and they drive back to Arden. No one was harmed."

Mr. Murphy, according to the deputy, was "an experienced mountain hiker."

## Open House March 2 At New Schools

Open house for the citizens of Transylvania County will be held at the two new Brevard schools on March 2, according to Superintendent of Schools Harry Corbin.

The new Middle School is hosting parents this week on three nights, with sixth graders' parents attending tonight, seventh grade parents Tuesday night, and Eighth grade parents on Thursday night.

Final plans for the public open house at the new middle and elementary schools will be announced soon as they are completed, Mr. Corbin said.



WHEN YOUNG campers show up for sessions at Camp Deerwoode this summer, they'll find a set of triplet lambs on the farm beside the French Broad River near Brevard. Mrs. Bill

Mayes, who directs the camp with her husband, holds the trio, as Mama Ewe shows some concern for her babies. The lambs were born last week.